

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 15, 2013 and the Joint EMS meeting of January 14, 2013 were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Thanked those who attended the Hospital Board meeting.
2. Informed everyone that the BIS digital system has been installed. We are testing the product, but it will be a little while before we are prepared to go live.
3. The ECDC has named John McCane as the new director. He will begin his duties March 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. Informed Council that Street Commissioner Miller had been off work for a couple of days, due to his wife suffering a heart attack. He said we would keep her in our prayers.
5. The Street Department has removed the VFW building.
6. The Utility Board has been meeting with the firms of Crowe & Donahue to discuss the CSO project. We have received rate study information. The Utility Board and the Mayor would like to meet with a couple of Board of Works members, 2 Council members and 2 Utility Board members to develop a plan as to what we will need to do on the CSO. Pavey said probably the biggest piece we need to consider is we have a water rate and a sewer rate, with this CSO we have been informed that we have a water situation, a sewer situation, and more importantly we have a storm water situation. Presently we just include the storm water with the water and sewer. The question is do we want to go with a water rate, sewer rate, and a storm sewer rate?
7. The Clerk-Treasurer & I met with Reedy Financial to discuss the 2012 year-end financial report. We discussed future funding & shortfalls. Reedy told us in the meeting that Rush County was the highest impacted County affected by the Circuit Breaker next to Lake County. They said the Circuit Breaker dropped our funding by 38% in the City.
8. Had a meeting with a company about doing a stellar community. We came to the conclusion that first we need to focus on completing our Comprehensive Plan before we jump into the stellar community project.

9. Interviews were conducted for the scoring for the Comprehensive Plan Engineering firms. We are close to making a selection.
10. A meeting is scheduled next week with the State on behalf of EDA to talk about EIDD and how we can resurrect that organization.
11. Right now we are looking at a July 2013 let date for 16<sup>th</sup> street. Currently they are designing the water and sewer portion of the project. We are investigating the possibility of street lights, which were not included in the project. Sheehan asked if there was any thought into putting in a turn lane for parents dropping off students. Pavey said he would bring up that concern. Pavey also said that they have had conversations with Bungee and they have agreed to allow us to put in water and sewer in the area and to also allow us to run conduit for fiber.
12. This spring on April 27<sup>th</sup> we will have a Mayor's 5K run-walk featuring the new walking trails.
13. Last Thursday the Riverside Park Committee announced the 6 concerts for this year.

#### **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

None.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Council President Bridges said he has been in contact with Jason Lane from WTH in regard to the GIS mapping. They discussed the idea of providing a digital copy of the council districts as an overlay. Chief Jenkins said he thought they had already done this. Jenkins said he will contact Lane and discuss this with him.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Amphitheater** – Announcement of 6 concerts for 2013

**Comprehensive Plan** – At the next meeting they hope to have selected an engineering firm.

**Trash Sub Committee** – Nothing new.

**Employee Benefit** – Pavey said he is trying to formalize the suggestions presented by the committee.

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**APC/BZA Building Code** – Nothing to report.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins informed Council that the Pension Board is currently interviewing 8 applicants. They will cut those down to 4 applicants to be interviewed by the Board of Works on February 13.

Jenkins told the Board that Chuck Kemker has given his notice of resignation effective March 6. Kemker has been hired as the new EMA Director. Kemker took the opportunity to thank the City and said that he hoped he was able to make a difference in the lives and safety of the citizens of Rushville while on the Fire Department.

Jenkins said he spoke with Rick Anderson concerning the energy conservation study. Anderson asked if the Council wanted him to give a presentation to them of their findings. Pavey said it amounts to a lot of fixture replacements. Pavey said the City is not under any obligation to do anything, The savings that would be realized would be about the amount that we put into it. Sheehan said he thought the City should do what we can on our own to conserve energy since we do not have a specific budget line item for this project.

**Park** – Park Director reminded Council of the Valentine dance this Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Councilman Berkemeier asked the Council members if they had received the email concern he forwarded in regard to the EMS.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pat Holdsworth – JTL Engineering** – A power point presentation was given by Pat Holdsworth and Dave Zelner from Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz in regard to building codes and property maintenance. Zelner stated the codes need to be well built and well maintained. The property maintenance enforcement needs to be effective. The building Code is the minimum standard

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for construction, therefore needs to be well built. The City of Rushville should consider the following items:

1. Adoption and state approval of building code ordinance and property maintenance code ordinance.
2. Develop a process for addressing property maintenance issues.
3. Establish building department.
4. Plan for the future.

**Police Special Recognition** – Chief Tucker presented special recognition as follows:

- Major Todd Click was presented the Excellent Police Service award for re-writing the police policy and procedure manual.
- Officers Alex Shaver and Brent Campbell received certificates of appreciation for their work to arrest 6 individuals on drug related charges.

**Swear In New Police Officer** - Michael Gerrish was sworn in as the new police officer for the Rushville Police Department by Mayor Pavey.

**Claims** – Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE**

Pavey said in the near future Chief Tucker will be giving a program on what happens in a meth house after a bust.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER

